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TAGS: ECE, ENRG
SUBJECT: ECE: ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE EXPERTS MEETING

FOR DEPT OF ENERGY - JOHN TREAT

1. DURING INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH HEAD OF ECE ENERGY DIVISION-JANSSEN, LATTER COMPLAINED ABOUT LACK OF U.S. PARTICIPATION IN THE ECE ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE. HE STRESSED THAT U.S. WOULD FIND PARTICIPATION IN COMMITTEE USEFUL IN THAT COMMITTEE DID NOT JUST TALK ABOUT THE CONNECTION OF POWER GRIDS BETWEEN EAST AND WEST EUROPE, BUT WAS GETTING MORE AND MORE INTO QUESTIONS OF BROADER INTEREST SUCH AS THE ROLE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN SUPPLYING ELECTRICPOWER.

2. IN RESPONSE TO OUR QUERY ON WHAT ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE MEETINGS IN THE NEAR FUTURE WOULD BE PARTICULARLY USEFUL FOR THE U.S. TO PARTICIPATE IN, JANSSEN NOTED THAT THE JUNE 5-7 MEETING OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS ON PROBLEMS OF PLANNING AND OPERATING LARGE POWER SYSTEMS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT MEETING AFTER THE COMMITTEE'S SESSION ITSELF; THIS MEETING IS USUALLY ATTENDED BY TOP
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FLIGHT EXPERTS FROM EASTERN EUROPE AND THE USSR AS WELL AS FROM FRANCE, UK AND OTHER WESTERN COUNTRIES. HE ADDED THAT CANADA WOULD BE PARTICIPATING FOR FIRST TIME THIS YEAR.

3. COMMENT: MISSION HAS FELT FOR A LONG TIME THAT U.S. SHOULD REEXAMINE ITS POSITION ON NON-PARTICIPATION IN

THE ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE'S ACTIVITIES AND THAT PARTICIPATION IN AN EXPERT LEVEL MEETING WOULD BE A GOOD WAY TO START. WE THEREFORE URGE THAT CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN TO SENDING AN EXPERT TO THE ABOVE MENTIONED GROUP OF EXPERTS MEETING. WE RECOGNIZE THAT TWO WEEKS NOTICE DOES NOT GIVE MUCH TIME FOR SELECTING A DELEGATE AND WE ONLY MAKE THIS RECOMMENDATION BECAUSE THIS IS THE MOST IMPORTANT ELECTRIC POWER COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULED BETWEEN NOW AND THE COMMITTEE'S MEETING IN NOVEMBER.

3. FOLLOWING IS THE AGENDA FOR THE MEETING. (COPIES OF DOCUMENTS BEING HANDCARRIED WASHINGTON FOR DOE-TREAT.)

(1) INTERCONNECTION OF ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS
(A) ECONOMIC CRITERIA AND METHODS FOR DETERMINING THE CHOICE OF INTERCONNECTION SOLUTIONS (EP/GE.2/R.32; EP/GE.2/R.36 AND ADD.1; EP/GE.2/R.39)

(B) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE INTER-CONNECTION OF THE ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS OF THE BALKAN COUNTRIES

(C) CONSIDERATION OF POSSIBILITIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSFERS OF ELECTRIC POWER IN CENTRAL EUROPE

(D) ECONOMIC AND TECHNICAL PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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INTERCONNECTION OF THE ELECTRIC POWER TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS OF THE COUNTRIES OF EASTERN AND WESTERN EUROPE BY MEANS OF VERY LONG HIGH-VOLTAGE LINES

(E) PREPARATION OF A MAP OF HIGH-VOLTAGE ELECTRIC POWER NETWORKS.

(2) MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM PROSPECTS

(A) CRITERIA FOR CO-ORDINATING THE DESIGN AND PLANNING OF LARGE POWER SYSTEMS IN THE LIGHT OF INTERCONNECTION REQUIREMENTS (EP/GE.2/R.35)

(B) MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM PROSPECTS FOR THE ELECTRIC POWER INDUSTRY IN THE ECE REGION (EP/GE.2/R.38)

(3) SELECTED TECHNOLOGICAL AND ECONOMIC PROBLEMS

(A) ECONOMIC PROBLEMS INVOLVED IN THE INTEGRATION OF LARGE-CAPACITY POWER STATIONS, PARTICULARLY NUCLEAR POWER STATIONS, INTO ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS

(B) SYMPOSIUM ON LOAD-CURVE COVERAGE IN FUTURE ELECTRIC
POWER GENERATING SYSTEMS (EP/SEM.5/2)

(C) DEVELOPMENT OF INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION
IN THE FIELD OF RESEARCH ON THE PROBLEMS OF THE ELECTRIC
POWER INDUSTRY

(4) PROBLEMS OF IMPROVING EFFICIENCY

IMPACT OF THE INTRODUCTION OF SUMMER-TIME ON THE MORE
ECONOMICAL USE OF ELECTRIC POWER (EP/GE.2/R.40)

(5) CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS

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(A) PREPARATION OF A TERMINOLOGY SUITED TO THE NEEDS OF
THE COMMITTEE ON ELECTRIC POWER (EP/AC.3/4)

(B) PROBLEMS RAISED BY INTERNATIONAL STANDARDIZATION IN
THE FIELD OF ELECTRIC POWER

(C) SELECTED STATISTICAL PROBLEMS

(6) ACTIVITIES OF VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS
RELATING TO THE DESIGN, OPERATION AND INTERCONNECTION
OF ELECTRIC POWER SYSTEMS

(7) PROGRAMME OF WORK OF THE GROUP OF EXPERTS FOR
1978-1983 (EP/GE.2/R.37).
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